

NIT-177-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application Under
37 CFR 1.53(b):

Prior Application: T. TOMARU et al
Serial No. 09/503,739
Filed: February 15, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2877
Examiner: Delma R. Flores Ruiz
For: SOLID-STATE LASER COMPENSATED FOR
PUMPING-LIGHT ASTIGMATISM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 28, 2002

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application
as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first line, add the paragraph:

a1 This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No.
09/503,739, filed February 15, 2000, now allowed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice or disclaimer, and
add new claims 17-25 as follows.

a2 17. (New) A solid-state laser comprising:
a light source:

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Amend
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C. Stanley
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